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DIES FOR A DIE CUTTING AND/OR BLANKING MACHINE  
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Attention: Examiner Charles Goodman

**FAX RECEIVED****MAR 03 2003****GROUP 3700****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sirs:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of October 3, 2002 (Paper 10), the due date for response is being petitioned herewith to be extended to three (3) months. Further, the Applicant also includes a Power of Attorney form and a Revocation and Appointment of Agent form so that the Applicant may appoint Borden Ladner Gervais LLP to act on his behalf. This response is also submitted in view of the telephone discussion of Kathleen Marsman with Examiner Goodman on April 3, 2003. The Applicant will follow-up this submission with a closer review of the specification and claims to ensure that all errors are corrected which may occur in addition to the ones corrected with this response.